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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of )

Hans-Jorg Nussbaumer, Guido Huber and )  
Felix Walser )

on METHOD FOR COATING )  
CONTAINER BODIES INTERNALLY )

Serial No.: 08/629,974 )

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) Examiner: B. Pianalto  
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Hartford, Connecticut, December 17, 1999

Box: FEE Amendment  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE  
ACTION MAILED MAY 13, 1999

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 13, 1999, in the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) Method for coating container bodies internally with a powder material as they emerge in succession from a welding machine, <sup>comprising</sup> characterized [in that] ~~by~~ the steps of:
- feeding the powder material [is fed] from [the] a welding machine end of a spray
- [process and] apparatus;
- spraying the powder material [is sprayed] inside [the] each container body more or less

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